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re: Dutch Patent Application No. 64,09621
Philip Morris Inc.; 582-440-Holland

Dear Sirs,

We herewith report on the Hearing before the Application Department, which we attended on March 1, last.

The Hearing Officer, Mr Tak, started repeating the objections as laid down in the latest official letter from the Patent Office.

We have defended the application on the ground of the old age of the literature cited (notably Dutch patent 27,392) and the fact that ions-exchangers use to bond acids and salts much stronger than silica gel or active carbon, so that it was not surprising that ions-exchangers would be good adsorbents (British patent 695,046), but that they were suitable to impart acids and bases to the smoke passed through. After a rather long discussion Mr Tak seemed to be less sceptical with regard to the application. He suggested to lay down the argumentation in a new introduction to the specification, after which he would reconsider the application. Although not a single promise was made, we have accepted this suggestion. Unless we hear from you to the contrary we shall file a new introduction to the specification on June 1, next.

We enclose our debit note for services.

Yours very truly
VEREENIGDE OCTROOIBUREAUX

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